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PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES FOR CLAIM 13

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Claim 13 (ALTERNATIVE 1)

A method of ~~regenerating~~ generating hyaline cartilage, comprising:

a) generating a recombinant viral or plasmid vector comprising a DNA sequence encoding transforming growth factor β 1 (TGF- β 1) ~~or BMP~~ operatively linked to a promoter;

b) ~~transfecting/transducing~~ transfecting *in vitro* a population of ~~chondrocyte~~ cells chondrocytes with said recombinant vector, resulting in a population of ~~transfected/transduced~~ transfected connective tissue cells; and

c) injecting a composition consisting of the ~~transfected/transduced~~ transfected population of ~~chondrocyte~~ cells chondrocytes and a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~carrier~~ solution into a joint space of a mammal such that expression of the DNA sequence encoding TGF β 1 ~~or BMP~~ within the joint space occurs resulting in the generation of hyaline cartilage in the joint space.

Claim 13 (ALTERNATIVE 2):

A method of ~~regenerating~~ generating hyaline cartilage, comprising:

a) generating a recombinant viral or plasmid vector comprising a DNA sequence encoding transforming growth factor β 1 (TGF- β 1) ~~or BMP~~ operatively linked to a promoter;

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b) ~~transfecting/transducing~~ transfecting *in vitro* a population of ~~chondrocyte~~ cells chondrocytes with said recombinant vector, resulting in a population of ~~transfected/transduced~~ transfected connective tissue cells; and

c) injecting a composition consisting of the ~~transfected/transduced~~ transfected population of ~~chondrocyte~~ cells chondrocytes and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier into a joint space of a mammal, wherein cells move freely within the joint, such that expression of the DNA sequence encoding TGF β 1 ~~or BMP~~ within the joint space occurs resulting in the generation of hyaline cartilage in the joint space.

(Support for bolded amendment may be found at page 17, line 17).

Claim 13 (ALTERNATIVE 3):

A method of ~~regenerating~~ generating hyaline cartilage, comprising:

a) generating a recombinant viral or plasmid vector comprising a DNA sequence encoding transforming growth factor β 1 (TGF- β 1) ~~or BMP~~ operatively linked to a promoter;

b) ~~transfecting/transducing~~ transfecting *in vitro* a population of ~~chondrocyte~~ cells chondrocytes with said recombinant vector, resulting in a population of ~~transfected/transduced~~ transfected connective tissue cells; and

c) injecting a composition consisting of the ~~transfected/transduced~~ transfected population of ~~chondrocyte~~ cells chondrocytes and a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~carrier~~ solution into a joint space of a mammal, wherein cells move freely within the joint, such that expression of the DNA sequence encoding TGF β 1 ~~or BMP~~

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within the joint space occurs resulting in the generation of hyaline cartilage in the joint space.